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## “When A Man Grows Better Flowers Than Anyone Else

**T**HE WORLD will make a beaten path to his door. Even though he lives way off in Puyallup, Washington. My daughter and son-in-law who visited your gardens last spring say you have the most beautiful flowers they ever saw anywhere. Congratulations on your remarkable success.”

A. H. MARCHANTS

Winchester, Massachussets



Castleton-On-The-Hudson, N. Y., Sept. 13th.  
O. M. Pudor, Puyallup, Wash.

"This Spring I bought three packets of your best Delphinium seed and want you to know what success I have had.

To begin with I think nearly every seed came up and I only lost a few seedlings. Now, I have some of the most marvelous blooms I ever saw and one WONDERFUL white spike with enormous florets. I am perfectly delighted and can't say enough in praise of your Delphiniums.

Our Garden Club of over eighty members meets with me tomorrow and I shall be very proud to show them my beautiful Delphiniums."

MRS. J. F. V. A.

Iowa Falls, Iowa., Sept. 15th, 1925.

"I wish to tell you in what fine condition the plants came through. **I am having wonderful results from your excellent seed.** My Delphiniums bloomed all summer, will have still more blooms next year from this year's seed. Thank you so much."

MRS. C. K.

Toledo, Ohio, October 21st, 1925.

"I wish to tell you of the good results from your Glory of Puget Sound seeds you sent me this Spring; they were planted in May and I have over 100 plants, about three fourths of which bloomed this Fall; at least, one-half of these are double and one triple (3 rows of petals) having two petals all blue with mauve through the center."

G. S. E.

Northampton, Mass., April 24th, 1925.

"The seeds and plants arrived in very good condition; the Iris especially were very fine plants and I was much pleased."

MRS. A. H.

Columbus, Ohio, April 20th, 1925.

"Received the plants April 16th, in excellent condition and I thought the seedlings unusually nice strong plants; thanks for the extra ones."

MRS. C. T. K.

Baltimore, Md., April 15th, 1925.

"The plants forwarded by you on April 7th, were received by me on April 14th, in excellent condition, not even drooping."

MRS. B. T.

West New Brighton, N. Y., April 20th, 1925.

"I sent your \$5.00, for plants—not for Trees. I never saw such plants sent out by any Eastern Nursery and never expect to. Even though the express charges were \$2.00, I consider I am well paid. All the plants are tucked away in my garden and growing as if nothing happened to them."

F. F. R.

Truro, Nova Scotia, Sept. 12th, 1925.

"Thank you very much for your prompt attention to my order for your 1, 2, 3 and 4 seeds of white blood, which I have all sown and am now looking forward to the future with its surprises.

Surprises is correct for I never had so much enjoyment in horticulture as I have with your seeds.

Those I had from you last spring have simply astonished me. I sowed them during March, 1925, and some 50% or more have either bloomed or are about to do so, the remainder are mostly showing spikes, but imagine they will be too late to bloom this year.

I have some real gems amongst my blooms. Of course some few are ordinary but they are very few.

This week I had one bloom that is to my mind a real gem. The loveliest sky blue in the outer petals and the inner ones are at first sky blue rather heavily shaded with the loveliest lavender which as the blooms develop seems to almost

disappear and the inner petals are the loveliest blue with the faintest shading of very delicate lavender at the tips. There are 43 blooms on the spike and those which are fully developed measure  $2\frac{5}{8}$ " across. There is no stretching the petals but as they lie naturally. It is a most perfect double one could possibly wish for. The bee is black and medium sized, not too prominent.

This plant is from your Wrexham seed and is one of several enormous blooming plants. I have several fully 2" and some  $2\frac{1}{4}$ ".

I have a small double white plant from your Valley seed and shall be surprised if I have not two more in the same batch.

It is indeed a satisfaction to one interested as I am in these plants to be able to obtain such high class seed as you provide and am in hopes I shall enthuse others and get them to take up this most interesting hobby. Some will not pay the price for the seed and as I pointed out to a man the other day I have several plants that I would not accept twice as much for as I paid you for all my seed. I shall not part with any plants until I bloom them again next year and hope to successfully winter most of them. I shall then discard the inferior ones and keep only the very best, and sow more seed and so on until I get a real good collection. I shall have much pleasure in recommending your seed wherever possible.

I shall not trouble to save any seed excepting from my very best, as I think I can do better buying from you. Again thanking you.

A. G.

Hudson, N. Y., April 13th, 1925.

"The Iris arrived this morning in perfect condition and, as usual, is quite satisfactory. The moss you wrapped around the plants was still green and damp; I was especially pleased with the Japanese Iris seedlings."

E. R. P.

Ridgewood, N. Y., April 10th, 1925.

"We are very much pleased at the fine condition in which our plants arrived after their long trip. Plenty of moisture still remained."

J. S. McE.

Oelwein, Iowa, March. 29th, 1925.

"The seedling Delphiniums from your seed bloomed late in the fall and were beauties; doubles and semi-double, large florets and beautiful deep colors. It can be but a pleasure to let you know what your catalog means to thousands like myself."

MRS. O. E.

Germantown, Penna., April 4th, 1925.

"Your Pandora's box (only of beautiful things) came today; each division, whether Delphinium or Lupin, without even a wilted leaf! As I unrolled them I could scarcely believe that they must have been boxed, at least, six days ago, in order to travel across our continent almost from Coast to Coast.

What greater testimonial could any one ask as to the freshness of this order and the generosity of the sender, than when a single division was of such noble proportions that two eight inch earth worms could domicile without detection therein, and arrive after a week's cross country journey in unimpaired vigor and health. I cannot refrain from writing you."

M. N. R.

Reno, Nevada, April 8th, 1925.

"Thanks for your prompt service in matter of plants; they came in good shape and were excellent specimens."

MRS. M. A.



Dayton, Ohio, April 1st, 1925.

"The Iris order received in fine shape yesterday; after planting I came in the house and wish you could be here to see how nice they looked. I got four last August from an Ohio firm and you would be very proud to note how fresh and large yours are beside them. Please, accept my thanks for the fine Iris; the five days trip did not even wilt them."

MRS. A. M. N.

Baldwin, L. I., March 28th, 1925.

"The few Iris roots I ordered from you last summer arrived very promptly after I wrote you; I want to tell you how pleased I was with them, both as to size of roots and the fresh condition in which they reached me—practically as fresh as though just dug from the ground. Because I was afraid they would not arrive in fresh condition I foolishly placed the most of my order with a near by grower, and was rewarded (?) by a very delayed delivery, tiny roots, one of which has died over the winter, and a fact borne in on me that the next time I purchase Iris roots it will be from where my fresh, large roots came from."

MRS. K. A. D.

East Chicago, Indiana, July 17, 1925.

"The Iris shipment received some few days ago in perfect condition; thank you for the fine roots. More of my Delphinium seedlings are blooming every day. I can only say, as I said before they are simply lovely. I have grown Delphs for 10 or 15 years, and good ones at that, but I had no idea that there could be such beauties till I got these from you."

MR. J. T.

Fort Wayne, Ind., July 11th, 1925.

"A little over a year ago I sent to you for seed and this Spring I have been supremely happy with the flowers. They were the most beautiful I have ever seen, and never knew Delphinium could be so lovely. We have had visitors from all parts of the City and they all marvel at them and declare they are the finest in town."

L. B. B.

Nashville, Tenn., June 8th, 1925.

". . . it is your Delphiniums that have created such a furore, they are really lovely; my best were in the pastel shades; one plant with the center spike measuring 38 inches of solid bloom, surrounded by 12 or 15, probably 18 inches long, was of palest blue and lavender.

You write and advertise the English strain, but seems to me that this "GLORY OF PUGET SOUND" strain would be superior."

K. L. P.

Creston, Iowa, July 7th, 1925.

"I believe every Delphinium seed I got of you last August grew and in June, this year, I cut flower spikes from them that measured 26 inches from bottom floret to the tip of the spike and two and a half inches in diameter. I thought it pretty good for old Iowa, where one season is cold and wet and the next hot and dry, this being the latter."

T. E. Y.

Rochelle, Ills. 'Sunny Castle' Iris & Peony  
Grower.

"You sent me a fine assortment of Iris and it will add much to my collection. Your roots are fine, the largest I have ever received from any source."

MRS. MATTIE D. REED.

Centralia, Wash., June 19th, 1925.

"The 'Glory of Puget Sound' I purchased from you last Spring is lovely and I would not have a garden without it, but from the 'Pudor's Late Glory' seed I have grown some beautiful Delphiniums; four are unusually beautiful and one is just wonderful. Everyone who has seen it who is interested in Delphiniums thinks it the finest they have ever seen.

In fact we have enjoyed them so much that I just wanted to let you know we think you have done wonders with this flower. One of the best features of them is that the first bloom lasts until the whole stalk is out and then they still last without losing their richness of color."

MR. & MRS. C. L. R.

Moffatts Creek, Virginia, 7/27., 25.

"What perfectly beautiful things your Delphiniums are! Everyone who sees them, raves over them. I live some little distance from the road but people in passing will slow down to look at my Delphiniums."

MRS. W. E. B.

Upper Montclair, N. J., August, 1925.

"Mr. E., and I are delighted with the 50 Delphinium plants that have lived in spite of slugs, cut worms, etc., that we are all anxious for more seeds. These plants are all in full bloom and are so varied in form and beauty that it is difficult to compare them. I thank you for bringing into my garden the most beautiful Delphiniums I have ever seen."

MRS. C. H. E.

Larchmont, N. Y., Sept. 15th, 1925.

"I must write you of the safe arrival of Delphinium and Columbine plants by express. There was sufficient moisture left in the packing material to have carried them another thousand miles; the plants were placed in the cold frame at once and at today's writing every plant has started to grow.

I am so much pleased that I am attaching an additional order."

O. H. M.

Paso Robles, Calif., Sept., 1925.

"I want to express my appreciation of the fine large Irises bought of you last July or August. It happened that I got a shipment of Irises from another grower in the same mail with yours, a California grower too; it was a good demonstration of thumb size versus "PUDOR RHIZOMES" or it isn't what you pay, but what you get."

I. R. C.

Adelaide, So. Australia, March 4th, 1925.

"The Iris ordered from you on the 6th of October, last and posted by you on the 5th of November, were received here on the 20th of December, and planted on Christmas Day. These are all growing nicely."

T. E. S.

Cripple Creek, Colo., April, 1925.

"I have a fine lot of stock from seed purchased from you 3 years ago; splendid specimens growing 4 to 6 feet in our altitude of 9700 feet. How is that for high?"

MRS. E. R. S.

Silver Lake, Ore., May 18th, 1925.

"Delphinium 'Glory of Puget Sound' received last Fall came through fine and is looking thrifty and fine and it may interest you to know it stood a cold spell of about 35 below, without protection, which I consider exceptional good after being replanted and hardly had time to recuperate before the ground froze. Columbines same time, looks very robust."

MR. H. G.

New Braunfels, Texas, March 28, 1925.

"The twenty-one Iris roots you shipped to me on March 2nd, were delivered here in good condition on the 9th, and planted the following day; they are growing nicely. I am greatly pleased with these plants and want to thank you for your

promptness and generosity. The express charges amounted to \$1.09, but I consider that a good investment. I have ninety or ninety-two kinds of Iris now and, of course, want more.

My first plantings of Iris, some years ago, were a failure; I planted them deep, to protect the rhizomes from our intensely hot summer sun, in richly manured soil, and kept them well watered through the hot and dry summer. Most of them rotted before blooming, I lost interest in them and believed that people (among them a nursery man) who had told me that Iris would not grow in Texas knew what they were talking about. Some of those Iris, however, among them *Pallida Dalmatica*, *Loreley*, and *Perfection*, after being let alone, managed to work up to the surface of the soil and, although receiving no care or cultivation whatsoever, bloomed beautifully every spring. Now I know how to plant and cultivate Iris and hope to have lots of them. Please be sure to send me your next price list.

I find your catalogue very interesting and helpful.

Thanking you again for the liberal way in which you filled my order, I remain,

G. F. O.

Caldwell, N. J., August 11th, 1925.

"I was just leaving for town and noticed your request asking what luck was had with your *Delphinium* seed. I only wish I could write as enthusiastically as I can talk. They are beautiful and I shared the package with a friend. Later when they had germinated she said they had a hard shower and washed all her seed away but lo and behold, this Spring all over her yard are beautiful *Delphiniums* coming up where they landed (and that was nature's way). Everyone exclaims over them; some of them are five feet tall the first year and bloom continually. We have a number of friends who have paid as much as three dollars per plant and they are green eyed with envy of our seedlings."

C. W. B.

Saylesville, R. I., March 30th, 1925.

"Enclosed find M. O. for Iris; the 30 cts. extra is to help pay postage way down here; and what you sent me last year were such nice large ones. I can hardly wait to see them bloom; I took the buds off last year so as to let it all go into the plants. Yours were larger when I received them than some I have had in for three years from ..... Hoping you are getting lots of orders as your treatment deserves . . ."

MR. J. S.

Newport News, Va., August 27th, 1925.

"I think I should tell you that the roots arrived in perfect condition. They had the damp moss at the roots and were still moist when they arrived. The same week I received two Iris roots from a well known California grower and he had simply packed them with one newspaper around the dry roots and then an outer wrapping paper. They came through the mail looking as though they had been through a pressing machine."

MRS. H. M. T.

Truro, Nova Scotia, August 25th, 1925.

"I have new surprises every day in the lovely spikes of Delphiniums as they open and must say I am more than satisfied with the seed I had from you. This week I have had an exquisite sky blue with faint rose lavender shading come out. It is very double, petals very symmetrically placed with a very small white bee and measures  $2\frac{1}{2}$  " full. This for a seedling I think very good. Should you have time to write I should like to know if your white Glory is really white of a creamy color. After all the white is a curiosity, but I very much doubt if it will ever be as lovely as some of your delicate colored hybrids which to my mind are veritable dreams. If I am spared I must have some more of your seed in the spring as by raising seedlings we can have delphiniums in bloom practically the whole of our spring,



summer and fall, which is a great thing in favor of this flower which we have been satisfied to have in bloom for just a few weeks and then had to regret it's passing. This can be now eliminated and have strongly advised many of my friends to get seed as they can get all the bloom they want then."

A. G.

### **"SPITE OF ALL MODESTY, A MAN MUST OWN A PLEASURE IN THE HEARING OF HIS PRAISE"**

The above are only a very small per cent of the number of testimonials, my customers have been kind enough to write to me. That they are a great satisfaction and joy to me, is a matter of course. I am publishing these few, for the benefit of people with whom I have not had the pleasure and privilege of doing business, and also to convince those doubting Thomases who think it an impossible accomplishment to send, either small seedlings or larger flower clumps from the Pacific Coast to the extreme Eastern and Southern portions of the United States. It is also a fallacy, according to my experiences, to entertain the idea that seeds from flowers grown on the Pacific Coast will not produce as good and sturdy plants as from seeds grown in your own vicinity; the contrary is the case; most of your vegetable and flower seeds which you now buy from your local seed man (I trust it is not a ten cent store) are grown along the Pacific Coast, just because seedmen are finding out that our wonderful climate, our rich virgin soil, and our perpetual summer sunshine, produce better and stronger seeds than can be grown anywhere in the world.

### **A REQUEST**

I have the past season, sold seeds or plants to customers in every State in the Union, Hawaii and Alaska included; I would be very grateful to receive a report about my stock from every State,

and this before next July, when I print my new perennial catalog, so I may publish such reports at that time, for the benefit of other gardeners in your State or Territory, in order they may also enjoy and know about some of those unusual and good things I grow; many people will not take my word, thinking me biased or over enthusiastic, but they will be governed by the experiences of other brother or sister gardeners in their own respective States. I thank you heartily, One and All; may the coming garden season prove a source of the greatest joy and happiness to you, hoping and trusting that a small portion of such joy be occasioned by and be due to some of those Glorious Gems from Puget Sound.



**O. M. PUDOR**

**Puyallup, Washington, U. S. A.**

**(In the Glorious Puget Sound Country)**





